Schwinger mechanism in dS_2 and AdS_2 revisited

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Recalculating the Bogoliubov coefficients from the solutions in Phys. Rev. D 78, 103517 (2008), we obtain the mean number of boson pairs in a uniform electric field in the global coordinates dS_2 and AdS_2 , which have the correct zero-field and zero-curvature limits, and study the vacuum persistence at one-loop. The mean number in AdS_2 gives the lowest limit to the Breitenloher-Freedman bound in the uniform electric field, and the mean numbers in dS_2 and AdS_2 satisfy the reciprocal relation $\mathcal{N}_{dS}(R,E)\mathcal{N}_{AdS}(R,E)=1$ under the analytical continuation of the scalar curvature R.

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INTRODUCTION

The gauge-gravity interaction has recently attracted attention partly because of the running gauge coupling due to gravity [1, 2] and partly because of charged black holes and AdS/CFT. It is a challenging task even to compute all one-loop diagrams for the gauge-gravity interaction. The quantum states of charged black holes have been studied mostly near the horizon and at the spatial infinity. The complete information of quantum states in a background gauge field and/or curved spacetime may help one understanding the vacuum polarization and vacuum persistence, the Heisenberg-Euler and Schwinger effective action [3, 4] being the most well known in quantum electrodynamics (QED).

The quantum states of a charged particle coupled to an electromagnetic field may be found in a special class of spacetime, which has a certain symmetry respected by the electromagnetic field. The solutions by Kim and Page [5] for a charged boson in a uniform electric field in the global coordinates of two-dimensional de Sitter (dS) and anti-de Sitter (AdS) spaces are such an exactly solvable model. There the spacetime has constant curvature, and the uniform electric field respects the symmetry of the spacetime. The symmetry of the spacetime and electric field suggests that the mean number of spontaneously produced pairs should depend on the curvature and the electric field strength. To probe the vacuum polarization and vacuum persistence (twice of the imaginary part of the effective action), one may employ the in-out formalism [6, 7] using the Bogoliubov coefficients between the in-vacuum and the out-vacuum. Thus the Bogoliubov coefficients are important in calculating the effective action as well as the Schwinger pair production.

In this paper we revisit the Schwinger pair production and the vacuum persistence under the uniform electric field in dS_2 and AdS_2 by recalculating the Bogoliubov coefficients using the solutions in Ref. [5]. For that purpose, we employ the in-vacuum and the out-vacuum in the dS space as defined by Mottola, in which the vacua are the no-particle state with respect to the positive frequency solution in each asymptotic region [8-10]. The procedure is similar to the Sauter-type time-dependent electric field in the Minkowski spacetime [11]. For the AdS space we use the vacuum in the Stückelberg-Feynman picture that resolves the Klein paradox from a tunneling barrier [12–14], which has an analog of the Sauter-type space-dependent electric field in the Minkowski spacetime [15, 16]. The Schwinger pair production in dS_2 reduces to the particle production in the global coordinates in the zero-field limit [8–10], and both pair productions in dS_2 and AdS_2 reduce to the Schwinger formula in the zero-curvature limit [4]. It is shown that the pair productions in Ref. [5] are the leading terms of the exact formula, consistent with the worldline instanton calculation and with the planar coordinates. Further, we find the lowest limit to the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound in the electric field in AdS_2 and, surprisingly, discover the reciprocal relation between the mean numbers of produced

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pairs in dS_2 and AdS_2 .

The organization of this paper is as follows. In Sec. II we study the periodic boundary conditions of the charged bosonic solutions. In Sec. III we recalculate the Bogoliubov coefficients in dS_2 , find the Schwinger pair production and discuss the zero-field and the zero-curvature limits. In Sec. IV we show that the pair production gives the lowest limit to the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound in the electric field in AdS_2 . In Sec. V we discuss the vacuum persistence and find the reciprocal relation between the mean numbers of produced pairs in dS_2 and AdS_2 .

II. SOLUTIONS WITH PERIODIC BOUNDARY CONDITION

A uniform electric field along the spatial direction in dS_2 and AdS_2 respects the symmetry of the background geometry. Therefore the solutions of a charged boson under the time-dependent gauge $\mathbf{A}_{\mathrm{dS}} = (0, -E \sinh(Ht)/H)$ in dS_2 and the space-dependent gauge $\mathbf{A}_{\mathrm{dS}} = (E \sinh(Kx)/K, 0)$ in AdS_2 should respect this symmetry [5]. The charged boson in dS_2 has the periodic boundary condition on S^1 for the Fourier momentum

$$\Phi_{\rm dS}(t,x) = \frac{e^{ikx}}{\sqrt{\cosh(Ht)}} \phi_k(t), \quad e^{2\pi i p} = 1, \quad (p := \frac{k}{H} = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \cdots), \tag{1}$$

and in AdS_2 has the different periodicity for the energy

$$\Phi_{\text{AdS}}(t,x) = \frac{e^{-i\omega t}}{\sqrt{\cosh(Kx)}} \phi_{\omega}(x), \quad e^{2\pi i\tilde{p}} = 1, \quad (\tilde{p} := \frac{\omega}{K} = 0, 1, 2, \cdots).$$

$$(2)$$

Under the periodic boundary condition (1) the solution (12) of Ref. [5] in dS_2 is a combination of two complex conjugates

$$\phi_k(t) = z^{n/2} (z^*)^{n^*/2} [c_1 F(\mu, \nu; \gamma; z) + c_2 F(\mu^*, \nu^*; \gamma^*; z^*)], \tag{3}$$

where $z = (1 + i \sinh(Ht))/2$ and $z^* = 1 - z$, and with a = 1/2 - p

$$n = a + i\frac{Y}{\pi}, \quad \mu = a - i\frac{X}{\pi}, \quad \nu = a + i\frac{X}{\pi}, \quad \gamma = a + \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{Y}{\pi}.$$
 (4)

Here X and Y depend only on the scalar curvature $(R_{dS} = 2H^2)$ and the electric field as

$$X = 2\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{qE}{R_{\rm dS}}\right)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2R_{\rm dS}} - \frac{1}{16}}, \quad Y = 2\pi \frac{qE}{R_{\rm dS}}.$$
 (5)

Similarly, the solution (26) of Ref. [5] in AdS_2 can be written as

$$\phi_{\omega}(x) = z^{\tilde{n}/2} (z^*)^{\tilde{n}^*/2} [d_1 F(\tilde{\mu}, \tilde{\nu}; \tilde{\gamma}; z) + d_2 F(\tilde{\mu}^*, \tilde{\nu}^*; \tilde{\gamma}^*; z^*)], \tag{6}$$

where $z = (1 + i \sinh(Kx))/2$ and with $\tilde{a} = 1/2 - \tilde{p}$

$$\tilde{n} = \tilde{a} + i\frac{\tilde{Y}}{\pi}, \quad \tilde{\mu} = \tilde{a} - i\frac{\tilde{X}}{\pi}, \quad \tilde{\nu} = \tilde{a} + i\frac{\tilde{X}}{\pi}, \quad \tilde{\gamma} = \tilde{a} + \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\tilde{Y}}{\pi}.$$
 (7)

Here \tilde{X} and \tilde{Y} are also functions of the curvature $(R_{AdS} = -2K^2)$ and the electric field as

$$\tilde{X} = 2\pi \sqrt{\left(\frac{qE}{R_{\text{AdS}}}\right)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2R_{\text{AdS}}} - \frac{1}{16}}, \quad \tilde{Y} = -2\pi \frac{qE}{R_{\text{AdS}}}.$$
 (8)

III. BOGOLIUBOV COEFFICIENTS IN dS_2

For the Bogoliubov transformation in a dS space we use the in-vacuum in the remote past and the out-vacuum in the remote future in Refs. [8–10]. By appropriately choosing c_1 and c_2 in Eq. (3), the positive frequency solution

in the region $t \ll -1/H$ can be expressed in terms of the positive and negative frequency solutions in the region $t \gg 1/H$ [6] (see also Appendix B of [17])

$$\phi_{k,\text{in}}^{(+)}(t) = \alpha_k \phi_{k,\text{out}}^{(+)}(t) + \beta_k^* \phi_{k,\text{out}}^{(-)}(t), \tag{9}$$

where $\phi_{k,\text{in}}^{(\pm)}$ in $t \ll -1/H$ and $\phi_{k,\text{out}}^{(\pm)}$ in $t \gg 1/H$ are given by

$$\phi_{k,\text{in}}^{(\pm)}(t) = \frac{e^{\mp iXHt/\pi}}{\sqrt{2XH/\pi}}, \quad \phi_{k,\text{out}}^{(\pm)}(t) = \frac{e^{\mp iXHt/\pi}}{\sqrt{2XH/\pi}}.$$
 (10)

Using the connection formula for the hypergeometric function [18] from $z = -i\infty$ ($t = -\infty$) to $z = i\infty$ ($t = \infty$), which is valid for the Riemann sheet of $\arg(-z) < \pi$, we find Bogoliubov coefficients

$$\alpha_k = \left[2^{4i\frac{X}{\pi}} e^{i\pi a} \frac{e^{-Y}(1 + e^{2X})}{1 - e^{2X} \frac{|B|^2}{|A|^2}} \right] \frac{B}{A}, \quad \beta_k = e^{-i\pi a} e^{X - Y} \left[\frac{1 + \frac{|B|^2}{|A|^2}}{1 - e^{2X} \frac{|B|^2}{|A|^2}} \right], \tag{11}$$

where

$$A = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma)\Gamma(\nu - \mu)}{\Gamma(\nu)\Gamma(\gamma - \mu)}, \quad B = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma)\Gamma(\mu - \nu)}{\Gamma(\mu)\Gamma(\gamma - \nu)}.$$
 (12)

The periodic boundary condition (1) leads to the vacuum persistence amplitude and the Schwinger pair production

$$|\alpha_k|^2 = \frac{\cosh(X+Y)\cosh(X-Y)}{(\sinh X)^2}, \quad |\beta_k|^2 = \left(\frac{\cosh Y}{\sinh X}\right)^2. \tag{13}$$

These are independent of the momentum k, depend only on the scalar curvature and the electric field strength, and thus respect the symmetry of dS_2 . Also the Bogoliubov relation $(|\alpha_k|^2 - |\beta_k|^2 = 1)$ is satisfied. The overall factor for the mean number of produced pairs $(\mathcal{N} = |\beta|^2)$

$$\mathcal{N}_{dS} = e^{-2(X-Y)} \left(\frac{1 + e^{-2Y}}{1 - e^{-2X}} \right)^2, \tag{14}$$

is the leading term given in Eqs. (20) and (32) of Ref. [5]. In the zero-curvature limit ($R_{\rm dS}=0$), Eq. (13) reduces to the Schwinger formula in the Minkowski spacetime and in the zero-electric field limit (E=0), it recovers the particle production in the global coordinates of dS_2 [8–10, 19]. The pair-production rate is obtained by multiplying (14) by the number of states $qE/(2\pi)$ per unit volume and per unit time.

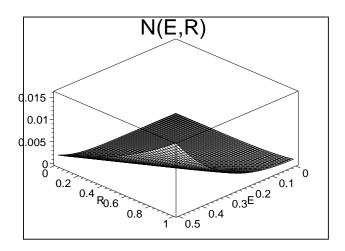
IV. BOGOLIUBOV COEFFICIENTS IN AdS2

The charged field in the AdS space can be quantized by the same method as QED in a space-dependent gauge in which the Klein paradox from a tunneling barrier should be resolved [12–14]. In the Stückelberg-Feynman picture, pair annihilation is the process in which a particle $\phi_{\omega,\text{in}}^{(+)}$ from $x=-\infty$ interacts with the electric field and/or the spacetime curvature and then travels backward in time as an antiparticle $\phi_{\omega,\text{in}}^{(-)}$ to $x=\infty$. In contrast, pair production is another process in which an antiparticle $\phi_{\omega,\text{out}}^{(-)}$ travels backward in time from $x=\infty$ and then travels forward in time as a particle $\phi_{\omega,\text{out}}^{(+)}$ to $x=-\infty$. Again by appropriately choosing d_1 and d_2 in Eq. (6), the in-vacuum solution at $x\ll -1/K$ with respect to the group velocity can be expressed as (see, for instance, Ref. [17])

$$e^{-i\omega t}\phi_{\omega,\text{in}}^{(+)}(x) = \frac{\tilde{\alpha}_{\omega}}{\tilde{\beta}_{\omega}}e^{i\omega(-t)}\phi_{\omega,\text{in}}^{(-)}(x) + \frac{1}{\tilde{\beta}_{\omega}^*}e^{i\omega(-t)}\phi_{\omega,\text{out}}^{(-)}(x), \tag{15}$$

where $\phi_{\omega, \rm in}^{(+)}$ and $\phi_{\omega, \rm out}^{(+)}$ in $x \ll -1/K$ and $\phi_{\omega, \rm in}^{(-)}$ and $\phi_{\omega, \rm out}^{(-)}$ in $x \gg 1/K$ are

$$\phi_{\omega,\text{in}}^{(\pm)}(x) = \frac{e^{i\tilde{X}Kx/\pi}}{\sqrt{2\tilde{X}K/\pi}}, \quad \phi_{\omega,\text{out}}^{(\pm)}(x) = \frac{e^{-i\tilde{X}Kx/\pi}}{\sqrt{2\tilde{X}K/\pi}}.$$
(16)



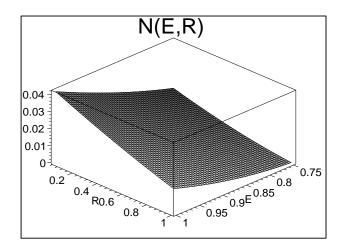


FIG. 1: In weak electric fields, the pair production rate in dS_2 as a function of the rescaled variables $E := E/(qm^2)$ and $R := R_{\rm dS}/m^2$ [left panel] and in AdS_2 beyond the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound as a function of the rescaled variables $E := E/(qm^2)$ and $R := -R_{\rm AdS}/m^2$ [right panel].

Then the Bogoliubov coefficients are given by

$$\tilde{\alpha}_{\omega} = \left[2^{4i\frac{\tilde{X}}{\pi}} e^{-2i\pi\tilde{a}} \frac{e^{\tilde{X}} (1 + e^{-2\tilde{X}})}{1 + \frac{|\tilde{B}|^2}{|\tilde{A}|^2}} \right] \frac{\tilde{B}}{\tilde{A}}, \quad \tilde{\beta}_{\omega} = e^{-i\pi\tilde{a}} e^{\tilde{X} - \tilde{Y}} \left[\frac{1 - e^{-2\tilde{X}} \frac{|\tilde{B}|^2}{|\tilde{A}|^2}}{1 + \frac{|\tilde{B}|^2}{|\tilde{A}|^2}} \right], \tag{17}$$

where

$$\tilde{A} = \frac{\Gamma(\tilde{\gamma})\Gamma(\tilde{\nu} - \tilde{\mu})}{\Gamma(\tilde{\nu})\Gamma(\tilde{\gamma} - \tilde{\mu})}, \quad \tilde{B} = \frac{\Gamma(\tilde{\gamma})\Gamma(\tilde{\mu} - \tilde{\nu})}{\Gamma(\tilde{\mu})\Gamma(\tilde{\gamma} - \tilde{\nu})}.$$
(18)

The vacuum persistence amplitude and the Schwinger pair production

$$|\tilde{\alpha}_{\omega}|^{2} = \frac{\cosh(\tilde{X} + \tilde{Y})\cosh(\tilde{X} - \tilde{Y})}{(\cosh\tilde{Y})^{2}}, \quad |\tilde{\beta}_{\omega}|^{2} = \left(\frac{\sinh\tilde{X}}{\cosh\tilde{Y}}\right)^{2},\tag{19}$$

depend only the scalar curvature and the electric field, and the Bogoliubov relation $(|\tilde{\alpha}_{\omega}|^2 - |\tilde{\beta}_{\omega}|^2 = 1)$ holds. Noting $\tilde{Y} > \tilde{X}$, the mean number of produced pairs can be written as

$$\mathcal{N}_{AdS} = |\beta_{\omega}|^2 = e^{-2(\tilde{Y} - \tilde{X})} \left(\frac{1 - e^{-2\tilde{X}}}{1 + e^{-2\tilde{Y}}}\right)^2.$$
 (20)

The overall factor is the leading term in Eqs. (31) and (32) of Ref. [5]. In the global coordinates the pair production can completely halt when $\tilde{X}=0$, which gives the lowest limit (equality) to the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound [20] in the presence of a uniform electric field in the Poincaré patch by Pioline and Troost [21]

$$m^2 \ge \left(\frac{qE}{K}\right)^2 - \frac{K^2}{4}.\tag{21}$$

In the zero-curvature limit the pair production reduces to the Schwinger formula but the zero-curvature limit does not exist due the bound (21).

A closer inspection of Eqs. (5) and (8) shows that the ratio of the Maxwell scalar to the scalar curvature, $(qE/m^2)^2/(R/m^2)$, determines the dominance of the Schwinger mechanism or the scalar curvature for pair production. In the weak field regime for dS_2 , though both the electric field and the scalar curvature enhance pair production, the curvature drastically enhances pair production as shown on the the left panel of Fig. 1. On the other hand, the confinement in AdS_2 reflected in the negative scalar curvature suppresses pair production as shown on the right panel of Fig. 1. In the strong field regime the pair productions increase as the electric field increases but they are almost independent of small scalar curvature and thus do not distinguish dS_2 from AdS_2 .

V. VACUUM PERSISTENCE AND RECIPROCAL RELATION

The bosonic vacuum persistence $(2 \operatorname{Im}(W) = \sum \ln(|\alpha|^2))$ at one-loop is for dS_2

$$2\operatorname{Im}(W_{\mathrm{dS}}) = \sum_{k} \ln\left(\frac{\cosh(X+Y)\cosh(X-Y)}{(\sinh X)^2}\right),\tag{22}$$

and for AdS_2

$$2\operatorname{Im}(W_{\mathrm{AdS}}) = \sum_{\omega} \ln\left(\frac{\cosh(\tilde{X} + \tilde{Y})\cosh(\tilde{X} - \tilde{Y})}{(\cosh\tilde{Y})^2}\right). \tag{23}$$

The factorization in hyperbolic functions suggests that the Heisenberg-Euler and Schwinger effective action [4] may have some analogs in dS_2 and AdS_2 . A more interesting interpretation occurs when the scalar curvature is analytically continued to different regimes: the negative curvature for dS_2 and the positive curvature for AdS_2 all within the bound

$$\left(\frac{qE}{R}\right)^2 + \frac{m^2}{2R} \ge \frac{1}{16}.\tag{24}$$

The bound (24) is the condition for pair production both in dS_2 and AdS_2 and forms the set complementary of the Breitenlohner-Freedman bound for AdS_2 . For instance, the analytical continuation

$$t = i\zeta, \quad x = i\tau, \quad H = i\mathcal{H}, \quad K = i\mathcal{K}$$
 (25)

connects dS_2 to AdS_2 through R=0 and vice versa in the superspace of constant scalar curvatures.

Remarkably, the pair productions (13) and (19) under the analytical continuation with (24) have the reciprocal relation

$$\mathcal{N}_{dS}(R, E)\mathcal{N}_{AdS}(R, E) = 1, \tag{26}$$

where R denotes $R_{\rm dS}$ or $R_{\rm AdS}$ but not both of them simultaneously. The reciprocal relation (26) and the Bogoliubov relations lead to the vacuum persistence in another form

$$2\operatorname{Im}(W) = -\sum_{k} \ln(1 - \mathcal{N}^{\operatorname{sp}}),\tag{27}$$

where

$$\mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{dS}}^{\mathrm{sp}} := \frac{1}{|\alpha_{\mathrm{AdS}}|^2}, \quad \mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{AdS}}^{\mathrm{sp}} := \frac{1}{|\alpha_{\mathrm{dS}}|^2}. \tag{28}$$

Note that the vacuum persistence (27) has the form for charged fermions, which is reminiscent of the spin-statistics inversion of Schwinger pair production in QED [22, 23], for instance, the bosonic vacuum persistence

$$2\operatorname{Im}(W) = -\sum_{k} \ln(1 - \mathcal{N}_{FD}), \tag{29}$$

is given by the Fermi-Dirac distribution $\mathcal{N}_{\mathrm{FD}}$ and vice versa.

VI. CONCLUSION

We have recalculated the Bogoliubov coefficients for the solutions in Ref. [5] for a charged boson in a uniform electric field in dS_2 and AdS_2 . The coefficients are important not only in calculating the Schwinger pair production but also finding the effective action and the vacuum persistence in the in-out formalism [7]. In QED in the Minkowski spacetime the effective actions and vacuum persistence have been found in a time-dependent electric field [11] and in a space-dependent electric field of Sauter-type [16]. The vacuum persistence in this paper is an important tool to check the consistency of QED effective actions both in the uniform electric field and in dS and AdS, which will be addressed in the future.

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